In addition, a sum of Rs.l.00 crore was provided to the foundation as grant-in-aid in 2004-2005.

Interest earned on the amount in the corpus fund is utilized by the Foundation for implementing educational schemes run by it.

New welfare programme for minorities

1604 . SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's new welfare programme for minorities aims for improving the living conditions of minorities and also provides an appropriate share in infrastructure development schemes;

(b) if so, how much of the total fund meant for development schemes is earmarked for the welfare of minorities;

(c) whether any financial outlay has been sanctioned for development of Muslims in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, announced in June, 2006, provides for enhancing opportunities for education, equitable share in economic activities and employment, improving the conditions of living of minorities and, wherever possible, earmarking of 15% for the minorities, of the physical targets and financial outlays under schemes considered amenable to earmarking. For 2007-08 an amount of Rs. 102466.07 lakhs have been so earmarked for the minorities.

(c) to (e) The earmarking of the funds for the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities is for the minorities, including Muslims. For 2007-08 an amount of Rs. 1456.26 lakhs have been earmarked for minorities, including Muslims, in Andhra Pradesh under various schemes considered amenable to earmarking.

Population of minorities

1605. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of the minorities in the country, as per the 2001 census, State-wise;

(b) the population of the minorities as on the 31st December, 2006;

(c) the ratio of male/female child among Muslims; and

(d) the details of various programmes prepared by Government for socio-educational upliftment of Muslims?